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Neighborhood Block Watch grants available

Neighborhood organizations and Block Watch groups are eligible for grants to help finance programs that fight crime and improve the safety and quality of life in their neighborhoods.

Applications for the 2004 Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program will be available beginning Friday, Jan. 2, at Phoenix Police Department Headquarters, 620 W. Washington St., at all police precincts and on the Internet at www.phoenix.gov/POLICE/nbwgrant.html.



The completed applications must be returned by 4 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 6, to Police Headquarters Planning and Research Bureau, 620 W. Washington St., Suite 326, Phoenix, AZ 85003.

Applicants may complete a simple one-page form for grants up to \$1,000 or a more detailed form for grants up to \$10,000.

Call 602-262-6543 for more information.

Disabled community asks shoppers to 'Save Our Space'



Don't let the busy holiday traffic tempt you into parking in a spot reserved for people with disabilities.

That's the word from the Save Our Space campaign, which cautions that

if you do park in a spot reserved for the disabled – even if “just for a minute” – you could be taking it away from someone who really needs it.

And, if you get caught, it will cost you \$140. Volunteers patrol parking lots and issue tickets to violators.

To report violations, obtain more information or become a volunteer, call 602-534-SPACE (7722).

Random gunfire kills

Firing a gun into the air to celebrate the New Year is not only foolish and illegal, but it can be deadly, too.

Stray bullets from random gunfire have seriously injured and even killed innocent people. Please help us make sure such senseless tragedies don't happen again.

Don't use a gun to celebrate the New Year and if you hear or witness random gunfire, call 911.



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Public Works plans hazardous waste collection

Phoenix residents can dispose of household hazardous waste and other items at BOPA collections 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 8 – 10 at Maryvale Baseball Complex, 3600 N. 51st Ave.

In addition to batteries, oil, paint and antifreeze, the event will accept five automobile or light truck tires per resident, computers and household appliances, including refrigerators, stoves, evaporative coolers, air conditioners, washers, dryers and water heaters.



Commercial loads will not be accepted.

The city also will pick up household appliances and computers at your home for a \$10 fee. Call to schedule a collection. For information, call 602-262-7251, send e-mail to pwserve@phoenix.gov or visit phoenix.gov/GARBAGE.

Senior Olympics set for Feb. 21 - Mar. 7

Now is the time to start training for the upcoming Arizona Senior Olympics.



The 21st annual Olympic-style fitness event for athletes 50 and older will be held Feb. 21 through March 7.

Check out upcoming clinics and tournaments that are being held in preparation for the games by visiting seniorgames.org. Additional information and entry forms can be obtained by calling 602-534-3500.

Pueblo Grande Museum opens cactus exhibit

An exhibit featuring artwork that demonstrates how the well-recognized Saguaro cactus has become a popular icon will be on display at Pueblo Grande Museum, 4619 E. Washington St., Dec. 8 through March 1.

On display are a variety of works, including Paul Mirocha's tongue-in-cheek painting of a frog in a saguaro-like skin, Stu Jenks' nighttime desert photography and Adriel Heisey's aerial photographs. The exhibit is on loan from Tohono Chul Park and is on tour through the Arizona Commission on the Arts Traveling Exhibitions Program.



The museum is open 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 to 4:45 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit pueblogrande.com or call 602-495-0901.

It's busy time at the airport

The holiday air-travel season is the busiest time of the year at Sky Harbor Airport. Here are a few tips to help make your travels go smoothly:



- Call your airline to confirm departure time.
 - If you will need to park, call 602-273-4545 to find out which parking lots are open.
 - Don't wrap packages because they'll be unwrapped as you pass through security.
 - Give yourself plenty of time. You'll need extra time for driving (there's a lot of freeway construction around the airport), parking, checking in and getting through security.
 - Plan on arriving at the airport two hours before your plane is scheduled to depart.
 - If you're picking up family and friends, get their flight information ahead of time so you can call the airline to confirm the arrival time.
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Ability Counts winners overcome barriers

Fourteen Valley individuals and organizations have been recognized for their ability to overcome barriers and contribute significantly to the advancement of people with disabilities.

The 2003 Ability Counts Community and Student award winners were honored by the Phoenix Mayor's Commission on Disability Issues and the Equal Opportunity Department.

This year's community winners were: Joe Silva II of the Maricopa Skill Center, who was named Employee of the Year; Phoenix College, which was selected Employer of the Year; ARTability/Accessing Arizona's



Arts, winner of the Media Award; Joyce Ridge of Lura Turner Group Homes, who won the Don Aldrich Advocacy Award; and Patricia Bodick, winner of the Mayor's Award.

First place student winners were: Jeremiah West of Kyrene Monte Vista; Mathew Cowlin of Madison Meadows; Ashleigh Turner of North High; and Jamie Foster of Paradise Valley Community College. Other student winners were: Charley Gentry, of Sandra Day O'Connor High; Leonard Pearson of Metro Tech; Natividad Garcia of Greenway High; Susan Brickner of Rio Salado College; and Frances Lucy Carpenter of Glendale Community College.

MLK awards breakfast Jan. 16

Phoenix will mark the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday with a "Stand Up for Justice" awards program and breakfast 6:30 - 9:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, at the Phoenix Civic Plaza Ballroom, Third and Jefferson streets.



The event celebrates the 2004 Phoenix Human Relations Commission awards program honoring local residents who have made Phoenix a more unified community. The awards include the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Living the Dream Awards and the Calvin C. Goode Lifetime Achievement Award.

Tickets are \$45 per person or \$450 for a table of 10. The event is sponsored by the Arizona Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee and supported by the Phoenix Human Relations Commission.

Call 602-262-6225 to purchase individual tickets or 602-254-5081 for information on purchasing a table.

Brown Bag features theatre troupe

The Intertribal Theatre Project of Arizona theatre troupe will perform "Coyote Tails" at the city of Phoenix Faces of Diversity Brown Bag lunch series noon to 1 p.m. Jan. 23 at Phoenix City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St.



Coyote Tails is a series of light-hearted performances by characters familiar to those who enjoy traditional American Indian storytelling.

For more information, call 602-261-8242 or 602-534-1557/TTY.

Catch BookBreath



Kids can win prizes this winter by joining the "Catch BookBreath" at the Phoenix Public Library program at all city libraries.

The free program, which is open to children from infants through high school, awards prizes to participants who read books or have books read to them between Jan. 12 and Feb. 28. It is sponsored by Casino Arizona at Salt River.

For more information, call 602-262-4636 or visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org

2004 bulk trash collection schedule

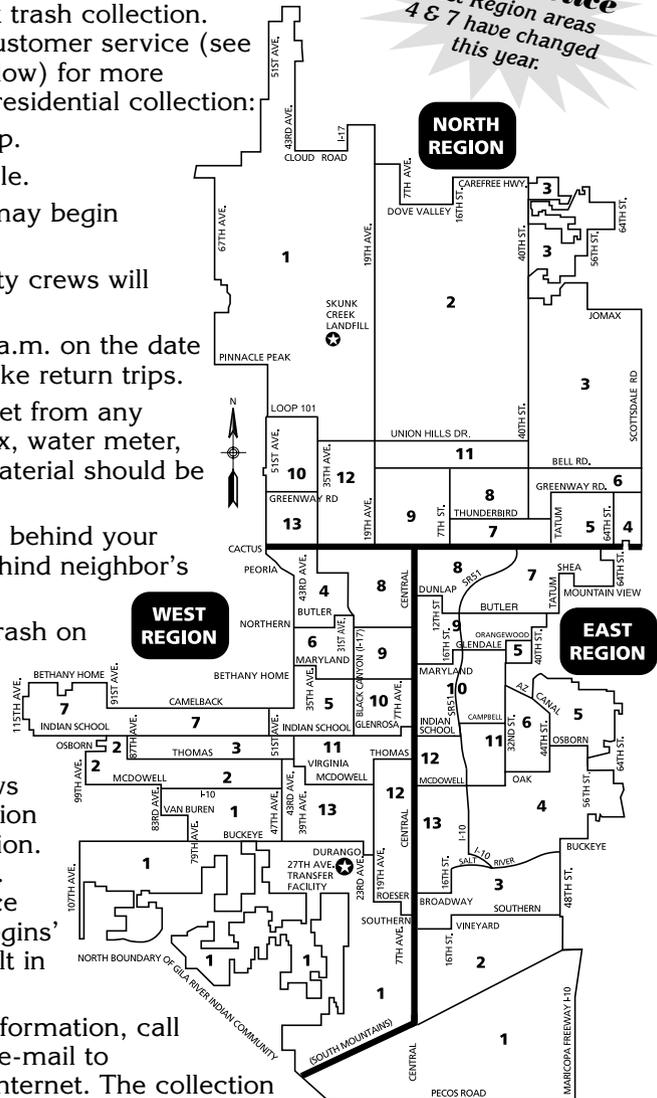
Four times a year city crews collect bulk trash. Some items are not acceptable for bulk trash collection. Please visit the city's Web site or call customer service (see Web address and telephone number below) for more information. To take advantage of this residential collection:

Special Notice
West Region areas 4 & 7 have changed this year.

- ◆ Locate your area number on the map.
- ◆ Find the area number on the schedule.
- ◆ The first date listed is the date you may begin placing bulk trash out for collection.
- ◆ The second date listed is the date city crews will begin collection.
- ◆ Bulk trash must be placed out by 6 a.m. on the date 'collection begins.' Crews do not make return trips.
- ◆ Trash must be placed at least five feet from any object, such as utility pole, cable box, water meter, mailbox, refuse container, etc. All material should be neatly stacked.
- ◆ For alley collection, place bulk trash behind your property only. Do not place trash behind neighbor's property or in utility easements.
- ◆ For curbside collection, place bulk trash on the front edge of your property behind and parallel to the sidewalk or curb. Do not place trash on the sidewalk or in the street.

One week rule – City ordinance allows one week prior to the scheduled collection week to place bulk trash out for collection. Please plan your clean-ups accordingly. It is a violation of city ordinance to place bulk trash out before the 'placement begins' date listed. Failure to comply may result in enforcement action.

Additional information – For more information, call Customer Service at 602-262-7251 or e-mail to mailbox.pwserve@phoenix.gov on the Internet. The collection schedule appears quarterly in Notes and can be found on the city's Web site at phoenix.gov/GARBAGE on the Internet. This material is available in alternate format, TTY 602-253-8796/Fax 602-534-9864.



2004 BULK TRASH SCHEDULE

	Placement Begins	Collection Begins	Placement Begins	Collection Begins	Placement Begins	Collection Begins	Placement Begins	Collection Begins
2003	1	Dec. 6 – Dec. 15	Mar. 6 – Mar. 15	June 5 – June 14	Sept. 4 – Sept. 13			
	2	Dec. 13 – Dec. 22	Mar. 13 – Mar. 22	June 12 – June 21	Sept. 11 – Sept. 20			
	3	Dec. 20 – Dec. 29	Mar. 20 – Mar. 29	June 19 – June 28	Sept. 18 – Sept. 27			
	4	Dec. 27 – Jan. 5	Mar. 27 – April 5	June 26 – July 5	Sept. 25 – Oct. 4			
5	Jan. 3 – Jan. 12	April 3 – April 12	July 3 – July 12	Oct. 2 – Oct. 11				
6	Jan. 10 – Jan. 19	April 10 – April 19	July 10 – July 19	Oct. 9 – Oct. 18				
7	Jan. 17 – Jan. 26	April 17 – April 26	July 17 – July 26	Oct. 16 – Oct. 25				
8	Jan. 24 – Feb. 2	April 24 – May 3	July 24 – Aug. 2	Oct. 23 – Nov. 1				
9	Jan. 31 – Feb. 9	May 1 – May 10	July 31 – Aug. 9	Oct. 30 – Nov. 8				
10	Feb. 7 – Feb. 16	May 8 – May 17	Aug. 7 – Aug. 16	Nov. 6 – Nov. 15				
11	Feb. 14 – Feb. 23	May 15 – May 24	Aug. 14 – Aug. 23	Nov. 13 – Nov. 22				
12	Feb. 21 – Mar. 1	May 22 – May 31	Aug. 21 – Aug. 30	Nov. 20 – Nov. 29				
13	Feb. 28 – Mar. 8	May 29 – June 7	Aug. 28 – Sept. 6	Nov. 27 – Dec. 6				

Recycle your Christmas tree

The city, A to Z Equipment Rentals & Sales and Phoenix Clean and Beautiful will provide opportunities for residents to recycle Christmas trees. Fourteen city parks will accept single trees from residents any time between Friday, Dec. 26, and Sunday, Jan. 11, in designated areas where special collection bins are located. Last year approximately 80,000 trees were recycled into mulch for use on city projects.



The sites are:

North -

- * *Deer Valley Park*,
19th Avenue and
Utopia Road
- * *Sereno Park*,
Sweetwater Avenue
and 56th Street
- * *Paradise Valley Park*,
40th Street, south of
Union Hills Road
- * *Cactus Park*,
3800 W. Cactus Road
- * *Mountain View Park*,
Peoria and Seventh
avenues

Central -

- * *Marivue Park*,
Osborn Road and
55th Avenue
- * *Washington Park*,
Maryland and 23rd
avenues
- * *Madison Park*,
Glenrosa Avenue and
16th Street
- * *Los Olivos Park*,
Devonshire Avenue and
28th Street
- * *Desert West Park*,
Encanto Boulevard and
67th Avenue

South -

- * *El Reposo Park*,
Alta Vista Road and
Seventh Street
- * *Western Star Park*,
44th Street and
Western Star Boulevard
- * *Desert Foothills Park*,
Desert Foothills Parkway
and Chandler Boulevard
- * *El Prado Park*,
6428 S. 19th Ave., south
of Southern Avenue

Trees also may be left at the city's transfer station at 27th Avenue and Lower Buckeye Road or the city's landfill at 31st Avenue and Happy Valley Road. Sites are open 5:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends. The 27th Avenue site is closed Sundays. The service is free to Phoenix residents who drop off one tree.

A to Z Equipment Rentals & Sales also will accept trees at no charge from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 26 through Jan. 3, except on Dec. 31 when times are 9 a.m. to noon. These sites are closed on Sundays. Phoenix stores are located at 4050 E. Indian School Road and 15634 N. 32nd St.

For additional information, call 602-262-7251, e-mail pwserve@phoenix.gov or visit phoenix.gov/GARBAGE.

Watch your holiday recyclables

The city's residential recycling program does not accept the following holiday-related materials:

Plastic or foil wrapping paper; ribbons/bows/yarn; foil-embossed greeting cards; plastic bubble wrap from toys; peanut-size packing materials; confetti; Christmas tree decorations; strings of lights or light bulbs; Christmas trees (artificial or real); holiday decorations such as wreaths, candles and ceramics; electrical extension cords; paper cups; and plastic utensils, plates and cups.

For more information, call 602-262-7251, visit phoenix.gov/GARBAGE or send e-mail to pwserve@phoenix.gov.



Cease the grease

If you ever get the urge to pour grease down your kitchen sink, forget it.

Grease can block your sewer lines and cause overflows that can damage your personal property and may result in costly repairs.

And, even if grease escapes your drains and makes its way to the city sewer system, the high cost of sewer line cleaning comes from your tax dollars.

So, the city is asking you to "Cease the Grease."

Never pour grease or cooking oil into sink drains, garbage disposals or toilets. Instead, scrape grease and food scraps from plates, pots, pans and utensils into a can, jar, plastic bag or paper towel for disposal into your trash can.

City offers classes for neighborhoods

The Neighborhood Services Department has put together an extensive and comprehensive program of classes and workshops for neighborhood leaders that are designed to build vibrant neighborhoods through partnerships.

Topics include reviewing the various ordinances the department enforces, community building, landlord and tenant law, effective leadership and conflict management. All workshops are free.

Upcoming classes are: Landlord/Tenant Workshop, 6 – 9 p.m., Jan. 15, assembly room A, City Hall, 200 W. Washington St.; Graffiti Paint Sprayer Training, 6 – 8 p.m., Jan. 24, 64 N. 48th Ave. Publicity 101, 6 – 8 p.m., Feb. 5, assembly room A, City Hall, 200 W. Washington St.; Landlord/Tenant Workshop, 6 – 9 p.m., Feb. 19, assembly room A, City Hall, 200 W. Washington St.; and Code Enforcement Basics, 9 a.m. – noon, Feb. 21, site to be announced.

For more information, call 602-534-8444.

Funding for youth projects available

Young people interested in serving the community can receive grants of up to \$750 under a Phoenix Youth and Education Commission program, PAYBACK (Phoenix Assisting Youth By Advancing Civic Kindness).

The grants are available for youth-led projects that benefit or create a positive and lasting impact on Phoenix residents.

The next deadline to apply for funding is Jan. 23. Future deadlines are March 19 and May 21. Groups can apply online at <http://phoenix.gov/YOUTH/payback.html>.

For more information, call 602-53-i-know, (4-5669) or send e-mail to mailbox.youth@phoenix.gov.

Remember, Shop Phoenix



Don't forget to shop Phoenix this holiday season. Sales taxes on the merchandise you purchase go into the city's general fund, which is used to help pay for important city services such as police and fire.

Don't dump wastes into storm drains



Did you know that motor oil, swimming pool water and yard chemicals that are poured on driveways and into the street go directly to our parks and rivers, polluting water, killing vegetation and endangering wildlife?

The city's storm drains collect and carry rainwater from city streets directly to rivers, washes and local parks.

You can be a solution to pollution, by not dumping pollutants and chemicals such as motor oil, household-cleaning products, swimming pool water and other wastes into storm drains.

For more information or to report illegal dumping into storm drains, call 602-256-3190 (English) or 602-495-0334 (Spanish).

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